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## EXPANSION OF YUGOSLAV MINING INSTALLATIONS

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BelgradePlevlja Coal Basin

Operational plans have been completed which will cut in half the time required for laying the cableway from the "Suplja Stena" Mine to Gradac and for finishing the highway from Boljanica to Gradac. Gravel or paving stone is to be laid on 14 kilometers of this road. Both projects will be completed by the beginning of June. Drilling equipment will be investigated this year in the entire mining area from Kovaca to Suplja Stena.

The exploitation of the "Suplja Stena" Zinc-Lead Mine, which is three times as productive as any other Yugoslav lead mine, will soon begin. High-tension transmission lines from the electric power plant in Plevlja to the mine will be finished in 20 days. The first electric compressor is already installed in the mine.

Antimony Mine at Bujanovac

The antimony mine at Bujanovac extends for an area of 60 square kilometers. The antimony deposits extend from Bujanovac to Medveđa and Sreška Banja. The mine is a very new one. It is third in production and first in quality of mineral in Yugoslavia.

Considerable reserves were discovered last year. More than half of the total production came from these reserves.

Drilling for deep ore-bearing veins will be initiated this year. A cableway 15 kilometers long will be built in order to develop production and to cut production costs. It will connect five areas and decrease the time needed for transporting ore from distant areas. Now, ore is brought by trucks and wagons to the first railroad station, a distance of about 40 kilometers. When the cableway is built, the ore will be transported by truck only 6 kilometers from the cableway to the railroad station.

Oil Shale Enterprise at Aleksinac

An enterprise for mining and processing oil shale began operation this year in Subotinac near Aleksinac. The installations for processing oil shale which were built last year are of small capacity compared with the size of the known reserves. A reserve adequate for more than 5 years is located on the spot where digging was begun. Enormous deposits are under the Moravica River there is a layer 48 meters thick. A new installation which will have 20 times the capacity of previous ones will be put into operation this year.

New Separator at the "Zenica" Mine

A new pit, Redakovo, was opened last year at the "Zenica" Mine. Since the new pit is 2 kilometers from the old ones and conditions were not suitable for setting up a separator, the miners' collective could not fulfill its quality plan. The task of setting up a separator was initiated at the beginning of this year. Although the miners had to supply all the manpower and materials, the separator was put into operation on 16 March 1950.

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